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SUBJ: CIVAIR PRECLEARANCE BERMUDA

1. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BERMUDA HAS SUBMITTED FOLLOWING
COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM FCO WHICH HAD BEEN SENT
COPY JUNE 5 MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING. QUOTE: WE HAVE
FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING: (A) IT DOES NOT MAKE IT CLEAR THAT A
PASSENGER MUST BE AT LIBERTY TO DEFER COMPLIANCE WITH
US CUSTOMS UNTIL ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES; (B) IT
PROVIDES IN PARA 1(D) THAT A NON TRAVELLER MAY BE
SUBJECT TO SEARCH AT THE REQUEST OF AND PRESUMABLY

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IN THE PRESENCE OF A US OFFICER; (C) THE PHRASE
" DESTINED NON- STOP" WHICH IS USED IN A NUMBER OF
PLACES MIGHT BE READ TO INCLUDE BOAC NON- STOP FLIGHTS FROM
BERMUDA TO NEW YORK BUT WHICH GO ON TO LONDON (SEE
COMMENT BELOW). PRESUMABLY THIS IS NOT INTEDED. THE
PHRASE " AND TERMINATING IN THE UNITED STATES" MIGHT BE
MORE APPROPRIATE. UNQUOTE.
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2. COMMENTS: (A) RE FCO PARA 1 A COMMENT - BASED ON CONVERSATIONS HERE WITH US CUSTOMS REPS AND AIRLINES PERSON DECLINING PRECLEARANCE BERMUDA COULD TRAVEL XX (1) ON POST CLEARED LINE (2) SEND LUGGAGE AS UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE WHICH WOULD GO TO CUSTOMS IN US FOR INSPECTION. HOWEVER, INDIVIDUALS TRAVELLING PRECLEARED FLIGHT REGARDLESS OF HOW BAGGAGE GOES MUST SUBMIT THEIR PERSONS AND CARRIED ON ITEMS TO PRECLEARANCE PROCEDURES. AIRLINES STATED THEY WOULD REFUSE CARRY INDIVIDUAL ON PRECLEARED FLIGHT WHO REFUSED SUBMIT TO PRECLEARANCE PROCEDURES. REQUEST APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE FOR REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

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(B) RE 1 B - GOB IS REPLYING TO FCO STATING MEMO OF
UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT AS WRITTEN AND NO CHANGE
TO BE MADE: (C) RE 1 C - TO CHANGE FROM "NON-STOP" TO
NON-STOP AND TERMINATING IN US POSSIBLY CAME FROM
BOAC WHICH MAY WISH TRANSIT US ENROUTE ELSEWHERE.
CURRENTLY BA491 (747) DEPARTS BERMUDA 1750 DAILY FOR
NEW YORK. ACCORDING OUR UNDERSTANDING SAME PLANE
DEPARTS FOR LONDON AS A NEW FLIGHT BA506 TWO HOURS
AFTER ARRIVAL NYC. FCO COMMENT SUGGEST BOAC MAY
WISH TO CONTINUE TO POST CLEAR BA491. WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPLY TO THIS FCO COMMENT
FOR SUBMISSION GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

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